GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Special Rules – Andhra Pradesh Legal Metrology Subordinate Service Rules,2017 – Orders – Issued.

Consumer Affairs,Food & Civil Supplies(CS-II)Department

G.O.Ms.No.13 Dated:31-07-2017

Read the following:

(1) G.O.Ms.No.121, Industries, dated: 10-02-1966.
(2) G.O.Ms.No.947, Industries & Commerce (T&C) Department, dated 07-09-1977.
(3) G.O.Ms.No. 364 Industries & Commerce (SPF) Department Dated: 23-4-1979.
(4) G.O.Ms.No.579, Industries & Commerce (T&C) Department, dated 11-11-1980.
(5) G.O.Ms.No.673, Industries & Commerce (T&C) Department, dated 12-12-1980.
(6) G.O.As. No.218. Industries & Commerce Department Dated,25-03-1982.
(7) G.O.Ms. No.352. Food & Agriculture (CS.III) Department Dated 7-3-1992
(8) G.O.Ms.No.499, Industries & Commerce (SE) Department, dated:19-10-1983
(9) G.O.Ms.No.4, CAF & CS (CS-III) Department, Dated 22-1-2007.

(10) From the Controller, Legal Metrology, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, Letter No. 771/E/2014, Dt. 21-08-2015.
(11) Lr No.599/RR/2017, Dt. 22-07-2017 of Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

ORDER:

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India and in supersession of the Special Rules contained in Andhra Pradesh general subordinate service class xxiv-posts in weights and measures department issued in G.O. Ms. No. 121, Industries, dated the 10th February 1966 and Andhra Pradesh Legal Metrology (Weights & Measures) Service Rules issued in the G.O. Ms. No. 579, Industries & Commerce (T&C) Department, dated 11-11-1980 the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following rules:

SPECIAL RULES

1. Short Title:- These rules may be called the Andhra Pradesh Legal Metrology Subordinate Service Rules,2017.

2. Constitution:- The Andhra Pradesh Legal Metrology Subordinate Service Rules,2017 shall consist of the following categories of posts in the Andhra Pradesh Legal Metrology Subordinate Service.

Category (1): Inspector Legal Metrology
Category (2): Senior Technical Assistant
Category (3): Technical Assistant

3. Method of Appointment:- Subject to other provisions in these rules, the method of appointment for the categories mentioned in column (1) below shall be by the method indicated in the corresponding entries in column (2) thereof:

Category of Post	Method of Appointment
(1)	(2)
Category-1 Inspector Legal Metrology	1.By Direct recruitment or
	2.Appointment by promotion from the Category (2) Provided, if there are no candidates eligible from the category of Senior Technical Assistants, fully eligible candidates from the category (3) of Technical Assistants with 12 years experience shall be considered Or
	3.Appointment by Transfer from the category of Senior Assistants including Senior Stenographers working in the Legal Metrology Department of the Andhra Pradesh Ministerial Service. Provided, if there are no candidates eligible from the category of Senior Assistants including Senior Stenographers, fully eligible candidates from the category of Junior Assts/ Typists/Junior Stenographers with 12 years' experience in the respective category shall be considered.
Category-(2): Senior Technical Assistant	Appointment by promotion from the category-3
Category-(3): Technical Assistant	By Direct Recruitment. Or Appointment by transfer from the members of the A.P. Last Grade Service or where no candidates are available as above, by transfer from any other Service. Or
	Appointment by transfer from the Category of Drivers working in the Department of Legal Metrology or where no candidates are available as above, by transfer from any other Service.

NOTE:1. For appointment to the post of Inspector (Category-1),in a cycle of 4 vacancies, the 1st and 3rd vacancy shall be earmarked for direct recruitment, 2nd vacancy shall be earmarked for promotion from the category of Senior Technical Assistant and 4th vacancy shall be earmarked for appointment by transfer from the category of Senior Assistant. Also at any point of time the percentage of direct recruits shall not exceed 50% of cadre strength of Inspectors in a particular zone.

2. Provided that the posts of Inspectors in the Flying Squad Unit attached to the Office of the Controller of Legal Metrology, shall be filled by appointment by transfer from the category of Senior Assistants working at the Office of the Controller, Legal Metrology and by promotion from the category of Technical Assistants of Flying Squad Unit in the ratio of 3:1. Further, where no candidate is available as above, by transfer from fully eligible Junior Assistants working at Office of the Controller, Legal Metrology, eligible with 12 years of service as Junior Assistant.

3. The Appointment to the post of Technical Assistant, in a Cycle of (4) four, the 1st and 3rd vacancies shall be reserved for Direct Recruitment and the 2nd to the Last Grade Employees,4thto the Drivers.

   Provided that the post of Technical Assistant in the Flying Squad Unit attached to the office of the Controller of Legal Metrology shall be filled by appointment by transfer from the category of Last Grade Employees/Driver working at the Office of the Controller, Legal Metrology.

4.The proviso to Note 2 and 3 will be subject to instructions Issued by the Government vide Cir.U.O.Note No.44232/SPF.A/ 2002 date:15-02-2003.

4. Appointing authority:- The appointing authority for the categories mentioned in column (1) of the Table below shall be the authority specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) thereof :-

Category of Post	**Appointing authority for the Post**
(1)	(2)
Category-1: Inspector, Legal Metrology	Controller of Legal Metrology
Category-2: Senior Technical Assistant	Regional Deputy Controller of Legal Metrology
Category-3: Technical Assistant	Assistant Controller of Legal Metrology

5. Selection: **-** All appointments by transfer or promotion to the posts mentioned in Rule 3 shall be on **seniority-cum-fitness**.

6. Reservation of appointments:**-** The rule of reservation of appointment (General Rule 22) shall apply to the appointment by direct recruitment to the posts of Inspector of Legal Metrology and Technical Assistant. Provided Women shall be selected to an extent of at least 33 1/3 % of posts in each category of OC:BC:SC & ST quota.

7. Qualifications:- No person shall be eligible for appointment to the category specified in Column (1) of the Table below to these rules by the method specified in the corresponding entry in Column (2) thereof, unless he/she possesses the qualifications specified in the corresponding entry in Column (3) thereof.

Category of Post	Method of Appointment of Post	Qualification
(1)	(2)	(3)
Category-1: Inspector, Legal Metrology	1. By Direct Recruitment	1.Degree in Science (with Physics as one of the subjects) of a Recognized University in India established or incorporated by or under Central Act or State Act or A Degree in Engineering or Technology. 2.Must be able to speak,read,and write one regional language of the State in addition to English or Hindi.
	2. By promotion from the category 2 & 3 of Andhra Pradesh Legal Metrology Subordinate Services.	1.Degree in Science (with Physics as one of the subjects) of a Recognized University in India established or incorporated by or under Central Act or State Act or A Degree in Engineering or Technology. 2.Must be able to speak,read,and write one regional language of the State in addition to English or Hindi.
	3. Appointment by Transfer from the category of Senior Assistant and Senior Stenographer	1.Degree in Science (with Physics as one of the subjects) of a Recognized University in India established or incorporated by or under Central Act or State Act or A Degree in Engineering or Technology. 2.Must be able to speak,read,and write one regional language of the State in addition to English or Hindi.
Category-2 Senior Technical Assistant	Appointment by promotion from the Category-3	1.Degree in Science (with Physics as one of the subjects) of a Recognized University in India established or incorporated by or under Central Act or State Act or A Degree in Engineering or Technology. 2.Must be able to speak,read,and write one regional language of the State in addition to English or Hindi.
Category-3 Technical Assistant	By Direct Recruitment	1.Degree in Science (with Physics as one of the subjects) of a Recognized University in India established or incorporated by or under Central Act or State Act or A Degree in Engineering or Technology. 2.Must be able to speak,read,and write one regional language of the State in addition to English or Hindi.
	a) Appointment by Transfer from the category of A.P.Last Grade Service	
	b) Appointment by Transfer from the Category of Drivers	

Note:1. Provided that a candidate for appointment as Inspector, Legal Metrology by Direct Recruitment shall possess the Following physical standards:

(1) Must be of Good Physique and should not have any Physical handicap.

(2) Must not be less than 165 cm in height and 81 cm round the chest on full inspiration with a minimum expansion of 4 cm in case of men candidates.

(3) Must not be less than 152.5 cm in height and must not be less than 45.5 kg in weight in case of Women candidates and

(4) In case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Tribes and Aboriginal tribes hailing from notified agency areas of Andhra Pradesh State, the height shall not be less than 160 cm and must not be less than 78cm round the chest on full inspiration with a minimum expansion of 3cm for men, in case of women candidates belonging to this category the height shall not be less than 147 cm and weight shall not be less than 44kg.

(5) Visual Standards: The distance vision should be not more than 6/6 and near vision 0/5 with or without glasses.

(6) The above Physical requirement shall also apply to the direct recruitment of Technical Assistants.

8. Age:- No candidate shall be eligible for appointment by direct recruitment if he is less than eighteen years of age and if he is more than twenty eight years of age on the first day of July of the year in which the notification for selection is made.

9. Minimum Service:- Every person for appointment by promotion or transfer must have put in not less than three years of service in the category from which such promotion or transfer is made.

10. Probation:- Every person appointed to a category by direct recruitment shall be on probation for a total period of two years on duty within a continuous period of three years and every person appointed to any category either by promotion or by recruitment by transfer, shall be on probation for a period of one year on duty within a continuous period of two years from the date on which one commences probation

11. Training:-

(a) (i) On selection for appointment/promotion to the post of Inspector, Legal Metrology, one shall have to successfully undergo and complete preliminary training for a period of three months as per the programme approved by the Controller, Legal Metrology.

(ii) Shall have to successfully complete the Basic Training Course at the Indian Institute of Legal Metrology, Ranchi before completion of probation.

(b) The period of training shall count for purposes of probation, increments, pension and leave.

(c) Every person appointed to the service by direct recruitment to any Category of posts shall before the commencement of training execute an agreement bond that he shall serve the department for a period of three years after the completion of training referred to in Sub-rule (a) (i).

(d) Every person appointed to the service by direct recruitment shall be liable to refund to the Government the pay and allowances or any other remuneration received by him in addition to the amount spent by the Government on his training. If he fails to serve the departments for a period of three years after the completion of his training for any reason; or

If he discontinues the training or is discharged form training course for misconduct or any other reason; or

If he secures any other employment elsewhere than under the State Government, the terms and conditions in the G.O.Ms. No. 266, Finance (PR I) Dept, dated 8-9-1980 are applicable.

(e) (i) On selection for appointment/promotion to the post of Technical Assistant, he shall undergo preliminary training for a period of six weeks in the office of the Assistant Controller of Legal Metrology in whose jurisdiction the appointment/promotion is made.

(ii) If such a candidate completes the preliminary training and passes the Departmental test in Weights and Measures Rules and the Standing orders issued there under he shall be appointed on probation from the date on which he joins duty.

(iii) If he fails to pass the Departmental Test prescribed in Clause (ii) or if during or at the end of the training he is considered unsuitable by the Assistant Controller of Legal Metrology his appointment shall be terminated.

(iv) The period of training shall count for purposes of probation, increments, pension and leave.

(f) The appointing authority may, at any time before or after the expiry of the prescribed period of probation either extend by not more than one year, whether on duty or otherwise, the period of probation of a probationer in case of probation has not been extended under sub-rule (b) of this rule or terminate his probation and discharge him from service after giving him one month’s notice or one month’s pay in lieu of such notice, on account of unsatisfactory performance or progress during training or unsatisfactory performance of duties or unsatisfactory conduct or for any other sufficient reason to be recorded in writing

(g) In respect of employees appointed by transfer to posts under category I and II of service, the appointing authority may, at any time, before or after the expiry of the prescribed period of probation either extend by not more than one year, whether on duty or otherwise, the period

of probation of a probationer, in case the probation has not been extended under sub rule (b) of this rule or terminate his probation and revert him/ her to the lower category post after giving him one month's notice on account of unsatisfactory performance or progress during training or unsatisfactory performance of duties or unsatisfactory conduct or for any other sufficient reason to be recorded in writing.

12. Tests: - The following tests are prescribed for the members of the service appointed by direct recruitment or appointment by transfer or by promotion.

Class and Category of Post	Tests	Conditions
(1)	(2)	(3)
Category-1 Inspector Legal Metrology	1.Departmental Test in Legal Metrology Laws & Enforcement conducted by the Controller,Legal Metrology	To be passed During or at the end of three months training
	2. Basic Training Course at Indian Institute of Legal Metrology,Ranchi	Before assuming the duties of Inspector or within the Period of probation.
	3. Accounts Test for Subordinate Officers Part-I	To be passed within the period of probation
Category-3 Technical Assistant	Departmental test in Weights and Measures and Rules/Standing Orders made there under, conducted by the respective Assistant Controllers.	Must pass the test at the end of the training

Note: If he does not pass the said tests within the prescribed period, he shall be reverted to his original post and he shall not be considered for future promotion till he passes the prescribed tests.

13. Unit of appointment:- For purposes of recruitment, appointment discharge for want of vacancy, re-appointment, seniority, promotion on transfer and posting and appointment as full member to the post specified in column (2) of the table below the unit of appointment shall be as specified in column (3).

Category of Post	Post	Unit of Appointment
(1)	(2)	(3)
Category-1	Inspector Legal Metrology	Zone
Category-2	Senior Technical Assistant	Zone
Category-3	Technical Assistant	District

Note:

Zone-I : Comprising Srikakulam,Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam districts

Zone-II : Comprising East Godavari,West Godavari and Krishna districts.

Zone-III : Comprising Guntur,Prakasham and SPSR Nellore districts.

Zone-IV : Comprising Chittoor,YSR Kadapa,Anantapur and Kurnool districts.

Provided that the posts of Inspectors in the Flying Squad Unit attached to the Office of the Controller of Legal Metrology, shall be filled by appointment by transfer from the category of Senior Assistants working at the Office of the Controller,Legal Metrology and by promotion from the category of Technical Assistants of flying squad unit in the ratio of 3:1, further, where no candidate is available as above, by transfer from fully eligible Junior Assistants working at Office of the Controller,Legal Metrology who is fully eligible with 12 years of service.

Provided that the post of Technical Assistant in the flying squad unit attached to the Office of the Controller of Legal Metrology shall be filled by appointment by transfer from the category of Last Grade Employees/Driver working at the Office of the Controller,Legal Metrology

The above provisos will be subject to instructions issued by the Government vide Cir. U.O.Note No.44232/SPF.A/2002,date:15-02-2003.

14. Transfers and Postings:-

i) The transfers and postings in the case of persons holding posts of Inspectors of Legal Metrology shall be done by the Controller of Legal Metrology.

ii) The transfers and postings in the case of persons holding posts of Senior Technical Assistants shall be done by the Regional Deputy Controller,Legal Metrology.

iii) The transfers and postings in the case of persons holding posts of Technical Assistants shall be done by the Assistant Controller, Legal Metrology.

15. Dress Regulation: The posts of Inspector of Legal Metrology, Senior Technical Assistant and Technical Assistant are uniformed services, required to follow the dress regulation issued by the Controller, Legal Metrology,Andhra Pradesh.

16. Saving Clause:- Provided that nothing in these rules shall effect:

(i) The appointments made in accordance with the Repealed rules before the commencement of these Rules and (ii) Those who are eligible for promotion before the commencement of these rules.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B.RAJ SEKHAR
E.O.PRL.SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Controller, Legal Metrology, A.P., Vijayawada
The PS to Hon'ble Minister for CAF & CS Department,
The PA to The E.O.Prl.Secretary to Government, CAF & CS Department.

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